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CONTRACTORS BID ON PORTAGE ROAD

Seven Bids Ranging From \$155,000 to \$247,000 Opened at Portland.

ROBERT WAKEFIELD OF PORTLAND, LOWEST BIDDER.

McCabe Construction Company Bids on Items and Offers No Lump Bid for the Entire Contract—Bid of N. J. Blagen for \$247,000 is immediately rejected because too high—If Wakefield bid of \$155,000 is accepted Total Cost of the Road Will Be \$165,000, as \$10,000 Has Already Been Expended in Right of Way and Surveys.

In the presence of Governor Chamberlain, members of the Open River Association, and attorneys for the contractors, seven bids for the construction of the portage road were opened at Portland on Saturday afternoon. The bids ranging from \$155,000 to \$247,000.

The lowest bid was that of Robert Wakefield, for \$155,000, and if this bid is accepted, it will bring the actual cost of the portage to \$165,000, the sum of \$10,000 having already been spent on right of way and surveys.

The bid of N. J. Blagen, for \$247,000, was at once rejected because it was too high, and the bid of J. K. Bentley, for \$176,000, was rejected because it was not accompanied by the forfeit deposit, as required in the advertisement for the bids.

This leaves five bids as follows, for the state commission and the Open River Association, to select from:

Robert Wakefield, \$155,000.
Smith & Howard, \$200,000.
Joseph Paquet, \$198,000.

Nelson and White, \$115,000 for the grade alone, without any of the rolling stock or equipment.

McCabe Construction Co., on a quantity basis, as follows: \$22.75 per ton for rails; \$65.00 each for locomotives; \$410 each for flat cars, and \$225 each for box cars.

It is the desire of the portage commission to let the contract for the complete road, including equipment, rolling stock and locomotives rather than to let it piecemeal, and be delayed by ordering small quantities of equipment.

The bid of Robert Wakefield of Portland, is the lowest bid, and is for the complete road, ready for operation, and it is thought the contract will be let to this company, as it is well equipped to do the work, and can complete the road by May 1, the time limit fixed in the specifications.

ON THE WAR PATH.

Deaths of Samar Kill a Lieutenant and Several Enlisted Men.

Washington, Dec. 24.—General Corbin, commanding the department of the Philippines, today officially reported an uprising of the natives in Samar and the killing of one lieutenant, one hospital corps man and seven enlisted men of the Philippine scouts. They were beheaded.

Reinforcements to Samar.

Washington, Dec. 26.—In reply to a query about the trouble with the Pulajanes in Samar, Governor Wright cabled from Manila: "I regret to say that Corbin's report of the loss of a detachment of scouts at Ocar and Dolores is correct. The Pulajanes of late have left the west side of Samar and become active on the east coast which is practically without a harbor and is difficult to reach. Orders were given some time ago to strengthen all detachments on the east coast, but unfortunately this was delayed by the wreck and loss of the coast guard boat carrying a hundred constabulary. The men were ordered but the delay resulted in leaving these small detachments at Ocar and Dolores, isolated and consequently they were lost. All east stations have been heavily reinforced and we are still sending men in. General Alonzo left here two weeks ago to take personal charge of affairs in Samar. I am still further reinforcing him."

Fire in Tenement House.

New York, Dec. 26.—In a fire which destroyed a tenement house on Allen street, early this morning, two women were burned to death, and a man and woman were so badly injured that they will die. The dead are Mrs. Alice Kelley and Mrs. D. C. Fountain. The fire was caused by an overturned lamp.

with constabulary and am consulting with General Corbin, who, if necessary, will aid us with troops.

DAISY LEITER MARRIED.

The Third of the Leiter Sisters to Wed Across the Waters.

Washington, Dec. 26.—At noon today Miss Daisy Leiter was married to Earl Suffolk Yale in the Leiter mansion in Dupont Circle. This is the third Leiter girl to marry a distinguished Englishman. The only guests present outside of the immediate family and most intimate friends were of the British embassy. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Roland Colton Smith, of St. John's Episcopal church. The earl and his bride will take an early steamer for England.

WILD MAN CAPTURED.

Constable Baited His Hook With a Woman and the Wild Man Bit.

Lodi, Dec. 26.—The wild man who has been appearing absolutely nude before women along the road in the northern part of the county was captured by a legless constable, named Keeling, of Acampo yesterday. The wild man gave his name as Paul Arena. Keeling used a woman as a decoy while he lay concealed in the bottom of the buggy.

IOWA THROTTLED BY THE TRUSTS

SUICIDES AND FAILURES CAUSED BY BEEF COMBINE.

State Statistician Declares \$12,000,000 Have Been Stolen From Iowa Stockmen Through Artificial Decline in Prices of Stock—Forty-Three Bank Failures and Eleven Suicides Traced to the Oppression of the Trusts—Appeal for Government Regulation.

Des Moines, Dec. 26.—As a direct result of the manipulations of the livestock market in the state of Iowa by the beef trust, there have been 43 bank failures and 11 suicides in the past two years, it is alleged today, by state statisticians.

It is said in the same report that Iowa farmers have been robbed of over \$12,000,000 by the artificial decline of prices in the livestock market, in the same period, and that unless the national government takes some steps to regulate the beef trust, the livestock industry in the Middle West, will be utterly destroyed.

British Ship on the Rocks.

New York, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Malmesbury bound from this city to Havre, France, went ashore on Fire Island this morning. It is now in a perilous position.

Powder Mills Explode.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—The Acadia Powder Mills, 16 miles from here exploded this morning. No particulars have been received.

Injured While Coasting.

Wayne Maloney, the 12-year-old son of J. W. Maloney, was seriously injured this afternoon by being thrown from his sled against a tree, while coasting on South Main street. He struck the tree while going at a high speed, inflicting a severe bruise on his forehead, over the right eye. Dr. C. J. Smith is in attendance and anticipates no serious result, although the injury is very severe, and might have been fatal, had not the sled first struck one tree, breaking the force of the speed before the boy struck the next tree with his head.

SIX HUNDRED STUDENTS.

Evidence of the Popularity of the Agricultural College.

A writer in the Oregonian is persuaded that the secretary of state has recommended that the Oregon Agricultural college be abolished, and he proceeds to defend the college and argue for its perpetuation.

With 600 students in the college, making an institution more than double the size of any other university in Oregon, he is right in pointing out that the college is not a thing to wipe off the face of the earth.

Secretary Dunbar, however, did not recommend abolition of the college. He merely recommended a certain section, providing a special levy be made for raising the annual appropriation by the state of \$25,000 for the college, he repeated. That is to say, the \$25,000 is now raised by special levy. Secretary Dunbar recommended that it be not raised by special levy, but by ordinary levy in the same way that other appropriations of the character are raised.—Corvallis Times.

A railroad is to be built from Madama into the Cascades, to tap the Santiam mines. It will be 25 miles in length.

SCANDAL BEHIND GOTHAM DIVORCE

Dodge Will Make a Confession Implicating Seven Prominent Men.

JEROME ASKS FOR THE RELEASE OF DODGE.

Divorce Tangle in "High Life" Promises Some Sensational Developments—District Attorney Jerome Demands That Dodge Be Given His Liberty in Order to Secure a Confession From Him, Connecting Other Men of Wealth and Prominence With the Case—Brief History of the Principals in the Case.

New York, Dec. 26.—Brought to this city last night from Texas through the persistent effort of District Attorney Jerome to face a charge of perjury in connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce tangle, Charles F. Dodge, former husband of the present wife of Charles F. Morse, received his liberty today upon the recommendation of the district attorney, who personally appeared before Judge Cowling in the court of general sessions, and asked that Dodge be discharged on his own recognizance.

This turn in the case follows an all-night conference at police headquarters, where Dodge was taken immediately upon his arrival and during which it is said he made a confession that will lead to the making of serious charges in connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce against seven men of prominence in this city.

Dodge was the former husband of Mrs. Charles L. Morse, wife of the banker and former head of the ice trust. His wife in 1898 secured a divorce from him and shortly afterward married Morse.

In October, 1903, she applied to have her former divorce annulled, claiming that she had discovered that the summons in the case had not been served on Dodge, which fact prevented him making a defense. Supreme Court Justice Clark annulled the decree.

The case has since been reopened on Morse's plea to intervene as an interested party, the annulment set aside and the original divorce upheld, evidence being offered that Dodge had been served. He was indicted, went to Texas and was extradited.

Japanese Casualties.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—It was announced today that eight officers and 66 sailors have been killed during the effort of the Japanese to destroy the remnant of the Russian Port Arthur fleet.

New Waltsburg Opera House.

Waltsburg has excellent prospects to have a new opera house, as Guntle & Todd are figuring on a building 40x50 feet. Mr. W. L. Jackson, the contractor of this city, went down to Waltsburg yesterday to see about its construction. The lower floor will be inclined and furnished with regulation opera chairs, and a gallery will be built across the rear which will be furnished with benches in place of chairs.—Dayton Courier-Press.

Large Boise Ranch Sold.

An important real estate deal was consummated yesterday when Dr. Theodore Kroeger and associates purchased the ranch of John H. Shilling, consisting of 110 acres; the consideration was \$15,000. The ranch adjoins the Dundee addition to South Boise and is one of the most beautiful tracts of land in the section.—Boise Capital News.

The Hazelwood Creamery Co. will soon start a large branch creamery in Walla Walla, and also a branch store in that place.

ANNUAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY TOMORROW

The annual tax meeting of school district 15, which embraces the city of Pendleton, will be held tomorrow afternoon at the county court house. The school board estimates that 10 mills will be required to meet the expenses of the year.

The session will be a mass meeting in which all the taxpayers are entitled to participate and cast their votes. During 1904 the district has contracted a bonded indebtedness of \$20,000 for the construction of new buildings and other improvements. Interest on the bonds alone will amount to \$3500.

Dr. C. J. Smith, president of the school board, said: "We have been under heavy expense this year and bid

MORE STATES FOR PORTLAND'S FAIR

Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska Ask for Exhibit Space.

CANADA ALSO ASKS FOR SPACE FOR DISPLAY.

Lewis and Clark Commission Is Elated Over the Prospects for an Extensive Exhibition of Products From Every State in the Union and Most of the Leading Countries in the World—Kansas and Nebraska Were Considered to Be Among the Doubtful States—Other Doubtful States Are Expected to Swing Into Line.

Portland, Dec. 26.—The list of states and countries to exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair is constantly swelling and the commission is elated over the prospect, for an excellent showing from every part of the Union and all parts of the world.

Practically all the states will convey their exhibits from St. Louis to Portland, thus insuring almost as wide a display of products as was seen at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

In the official stocking of the Lewis and Clark executive committee there was dropped, as Christmas gifts the information that three more states and the Dominion of Canada are to participate in the exposition. Particularly gratifying are the gifts because they come as a surprise.

The executive committee thought it understood some time ago that there would be no possibility of the Dominion of Canada participating in the exposition, either officially or commercially.

It was also conceded that the states of Nebraska and Kansas would not make an exhibit. New things are changed and the people at exposition headquarters are rejoicing.

Director of Exhibits Dorsch yesterday received communications from the states of Wyoming and Nebraska. Each communication asked that space for a state exhibit be reserved, and said that the exhibit would be made, if not by the state, then by commercial bodies more interested in the state than the state itself.

As the space of individual exhibits was cut some time ago to permit all to display, so the space reserved for the states that do not intend to erect pavilions pavilions, will be cut. The rearrangement will give more states opportunity to make exhibits, and will be particularly gratifying to those states who cannot make an appropriation and whose representation will be made by commercial bodies.

JAP STABS SECTION FOREMAN.

Is Now in Jail Under Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill.

S. Yanto, a Japanese employed on an O. R. & N. section, east of Pendleton, was arrested yesterday on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit murder. He will be given preliminary examination in the justice court tomorrow.

John Roland, foreman of the section, alleges in the complaint that he became engaged in an altercation with Yanto, and that the Japanese drew a knife and struck him. Roland came to town and made complaint and secured the section hand's arrest.

The injured man was struck twice in the neck. He is not seriously injured and will be at work in a few days.

Work on Dredger Suspended.

Work on the dredger has been suspended for the cold season. Crews have been laid off, and the huge plant will stand idle until after the freezing weather has passed. The company still has a good supply of wood on hand, there being close to 1000 cords.—John Day News.

WAITING FOR CHADWICK.

An Ohio Sheriff Will Escort Him to Cleveland, Ohio.

Albany, Dec. 26.—Sheriff Barry of Cleveland, today failed to get the necessary papers for the extradition of Dr. Chadwick, who is expected to arrive from Europe Wednesday. Judge Joyce this morning declared the papers in the possession of the sheriff were defective in that they did not include commitment, also that Chadwick is not in New York state at this time. He therefore refused extradition papers. Barry left for New York saying that he would get Dr. Chadwick and give him an opportunity of going voluntarily to Cleveland.

Old Sailors' Home Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 26.—The chapel of Sailors' Snug Harbor, in New Brighton, Staten Island, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Eight hundred old sailors turned out to fight the fire which was confined to the chapel. The loss was \$300,000.

Vast Cave Discovered.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26.—A great cave has been discovered near Revelstoke, R. C. Charles Deutchman, a tourist and a guide, explored the cave for two miles. It is a thousand feet deep and the interior is of great beauty.

DR. HUTCHINSON'S ACTION UPHELD

WAS JUSTIFIED IN HOLDING UP MANGY CATTLE.

Reynolds, of Condon, Appealed From the Inspector's Decision and Then Brought Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry for the Northwest to Oregon—Cattle Were Refused Certificate Because of Symptoms of Mange—Inspectors Are Charged to Be Cautious in Examinations.

Portland, Dec. 26.—The findings of Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, inspector for the United States department of animal industry, in the case of the Reynolds cattle near Condon, have been affirmed by Dr. Hickox, chief of the western bureau.

While the expert who was sent out from Washington to make an investigation did not find actual presence of the mange parasite in the scrapings of the Reynolds cattle, he reported the presence of strong indication of mange. Dr. Hickox held that Inspector Hutchinson was justified in refusing a certificate for transportation of the cattle out of Oregon.

In last August it was reported that mange was present in cattle in small sections of Oregon, and Inspector Hutchinson was sent out to examine the suspected herds. He found symptoms of the disease in several bunches of cattle, and among those held up by him was the Reynolds herd, near Condon.

Mr. Reynolds was dissatisfied with this action, and he caused another examination to be made by a veterinarian, who reported that no mange existed. Mr. Reynolds complained of the action of Inspector Hutchinson, and Chief Hickox came here, accompanied by Dr. R. H. Tracy, an expert from the department at Washington, to make a thorough examination.

In the interval two shipments of the suspected cattle had been made to markets inside the state. While it is not charged that the suspects were disposed of, it is regarded as possible that most of them may have been shipped. The remainder of the herd was examined by Dr. Tracy, whose report upheld Dr. Hutchinson in refusing certificates.

Under the rules of the department of animal industry an inspector must refuse a certificate for cattle in every case where there are "symptoms" of mange.

GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION.

Nearly 2000 Homes Will Be Thrown Open to Settlers.

Harry Holgate, legal adviser in the United States reclamation service, is in Portland attending to matters connected with the Klamath River irrigation project, which he states is promising, and may result in throwing open 2000 homes for settlers.

"Before coming up to Portland," he said, "I spent a few weeks in Klamath county, looking over the conditions there, and it is my opinion that the project will be a success. It includes the draining of several lakes and a system for irrigating the land thus obtained, together with large amounts of other land, by means of ditches from the Klamath river. It is my opinion that but little trouble will be experienced in getting the government to finance the system."

Although Mr. Holgate has been in the employ of the government for some years, his home is in Oregon, in Corvallis, where he formerly attended the Oregon Agricultural college. He served in the Spanish-American war in Co. M, Second Oregon Volunteers.

ACADEMY IS NOW AT HIGHEST TIDE

Pendleton Academy Has Now Over Eighty Students at End of School Year.

THREE BRANCHES HAVE ABOUT 27 STUDENTS EACH.

Active Campaign for Membership to Be Started Early in the Spring—Every Eastern Oregon County to Be Thoroughly Covered by Competent Representatives—Principal Blankney Now Has an Able Corps of Instructors—Beginning of Next School Year Promises New Students—Two Japanese Students in Attendance, Studying for Missionary Work.

The attendance at Pendleton academy is now over 80, the highest number attending the institution for a number of years.

There are about 27 students in each the academic, preparatory and the primary departments, and the beginning of the next school year promises several additional students.

The institution is now in the best financial condition that it has ever enjoyed and the prospects ahead of it are exceptionally bright. The churches of Eastern Oregon, the presbytery and the people in general, are giving more attention to the academy than ever before, and it is now one of the fixed institutions of the state.

An active campaign for students will be started early next spring, all the counties of Eastern Oregon to be covered thoroughly by competent representatives.

Principal Blankney has an able corps of instructors in all the departments, and the work being done is equal to that of any Eastern academy, and superior to many having the same course of study. There are now students from nearly every Eastern Oregon county in attendance, besides two Japanese students who are studying for missionary work.

SHORT ON SHEEP.

Colorado Only Mutton State With Full Feeding Pens.

Frank Oxman got in from the West this morning, fully posted on the sheep feeding situation out there.

"Colorado has a few more than 800,000 on feed," he said. "Possibly it may turn out 850,000. The San Luis valley is the only spot on the map that is long on sheep this year. It has 160,000, against 60,000 last year. In Northern Colorado they did not secure the feeders they wanted, contractors falling down in that effort, consequently the northern part of the state hasn't as many as last year. Owing to the fact that most of them are westerners, few Mexicans having been available, and that they went on feed early and in good condition the market season will be early, and the crop will not last long. They will begin running them in January. The sugar mill fed stuff has made good gains, and is practically ready to come now. Colorado is feeding Idaho and Wyoming instead of western stuff this year. At the Missouri river they are already clamoring for Colorado."

Kansas is feeding but 40 per cent of last year's crop, and Nebraska but 60 per cent. Only one section, Wood River, in Nebraska, has as many as last year.

"There is no denying the fact that the feeder who has light lambs and can rough them through until shearing time will make big money this year. Colorado will shear none. In my opinion, the spring market will be abnormally high."—Chicago Livestock World.

O. R. & N. Observed Christmas.

Although the rush traffic on the O. R. & N. is unusually heavy, the mechanical department sent out instructions to all the foremen along the line to do nothing but absolutely necessary work on Christmas day, in order to allow the employees one day at home. The La Grande, Umatilla, Pendleton and Huntington shop forces enjoyed the holiday at home, although the heavy traffic was crowding the motive power to the utmost, and engines were waiting for repairs.

Powers Asked to Intervene.

Sofia, Dec. 26.—Bulgaria has issued a circular note to the powers expressing the opinion that Turkey has shown her inability to maintain peace in Macedonia. It instances the recent atrocities. It is understood that Bulgaria desires the powers to forcibly interfere in Macedonia.